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## NATION ASKS FOR ANOTHER HELPING FUND

**MOST IMPORTANT WORK NEED-  
ED TO KEEP SOLDIERS IN  
FIGHTING SPIRIT**

### GRANTS PASS SHARE IS SMALL

**City Will Do Its Bit in Matter Which  
Vitality Affects the Success of Amer-  
ican Arms**

Another patriotic fund, the movement for which has been inaugurated at the request of President Wilson and Secretary Baker of the war department, will be raised over the nation next week. Its purpose is to create around the soldier and sailor camps the right kind of an environment, the giving to Uncle Sam's soldiers, through proper recreation and the helpful interest of the communities neighboring to the camps, that spirit, that feeling, that the country is behind them and appreciates their sacrifices, which go so far in helping an army to accomplish results.

The letter of Secretary Baker, giving the purpose of the move, is self-explanatory:

"President Wilson in a recent letter has pointed the commercial and civic organization of America to a service directly related to winning the war.

"Experience at the camps already established has clearly shown the vital necessity for wholesome environment for healthy social contact in the adjoining communities. This contact during the next few months is going to be the determining influence in making the spirit of the new American army. To the soldiers it will reflect the attitude of the entire nation towards them.

"The strength of an army is in its spirit. Mere numbers do not make an army—millions of soldiers who lack the fighting spirit can retreat without a struggle. The American boys must know that the finest ideals of civilization are in their hands; that the folks at home are living and fighting in their hearts.

"The novelty of camp life wears off quickly. The routine of drill and instruction soon palls unless there is relaxation and a change of scene in the communities nearby. It falls on these men who are fighting our battles exactly as it would on you if you were in their place.

"The plan is to furnish the enlisted men hospitality in local social circles, to promote wholesome amusement in public places, to supply buildings, swimming pools, etc., and to prevent the exploitation of the boys by commercialized attractions of an undesirable sort.

"The trained personal service and

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## LA FOLLETTE DENIES STATEMENTS CHARGED

Washington, Oct. 12.—The senate committee appointed to investigate the LaFollette matter, has invited the senator to appear before it next Tuesday for a hearing regarding the assertions in his now famous St. Paul speech.

Yesterday Senator LaFollette presented to the senate committee investigating his St. Paul speech his transcript of the address accompanied by a letter denouncing the press reports as grossly false.

The committee also received other transcripts of the speech from the Minnesota Public Welfare commission which made the first request for Senator LaFollette's expulsion.

In his letter to the committee Senator LaFollette denied reports that he said this country had no grievance for war.

## BRITISH ADVANCE IS STEAM ROLLER

**Slow But Steady Progress Being  
Made By Haig's Men, But Much  
Hard Fighting Remains**

London, Oct. 12.—Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk today with the Associated Press, after an optimistic review of the last week's work on the British front in Flanders, said:

"We have every right to be confident when we see what our men have done. But the fighting is hard and we think that the present series of battles in Flanders is not going to end the war. There is a great deal more hard fighting before us.

"The word 'steamroller' which was so often used in the early days of the war, in connection with the Russian army is exactly the right word to characterize the British advance in Flanders. It is an advance not rapid, but insistent, irresistible.

Commenting on the German report that the British had lost a half-million of men in the present series of battles, General Maurice said:

"The figures are grotesque. We have not had that many men engaged. As I already have told you, casualties have been very light and the German casualties are known to have been 75 per cent greater than ours."

## URUGUAY REACHES A BREAK WITH GERMANY

Amsterdam, Oct. 12.—The Uruguayan charge d'affaires in Berlin has notified the German foreign office that relations between Uruguay and Germany have been severed, according to a dispatch received from Berlin.

The dispatch adds that the charge also requests his passports.

Montevideo, Oct. 12.—One hundred thousand persons participated in a great demonstration here today in favor of the entente allies, and in approval of the government's rupture with Germany. The president and foreign minister made addresses and the diplomatic representatives of the allied powers reviewed the procession.

## WIN IN ONE PLACE LOSE IN ANOTHER

Petrograd, Oct. 12.—Austrian and German soldiers have renewed efforts to fraternize with the soldiers in Russia's army, but as yet with no success, the Russian war office states.

Petrograd, Oct. 12.—In Kurdistan, southeast of Lake Van, Russian troops have engaged in successful operations against the Kurds, capturing numbers of them, occupying two villages and driving the remainder of the enemy to the banks of the Seab river.

German troops attacked Russian lines south of the Paskoff road on the Russian front yesterday and pressed back Russian detachments, the war office announced.

## OFFICIALS TO TAKE OVER NEW HOSPITAL

Salem, Oct. 12.—Secretary of States Olcott, State Treasurer Tom Kay, and R. B. Goodwin, secretary of the board of control, will go to Roseburg tomorrow to accept the new \$60,000 hospital at the soldier's home, on behalf of the state. The governor, it is thought, cannot attend.

## HALF MILE IS GAINED ALONG A WIDE FRONT

**HAIG'S TROOPS PUSH WEDGE  
SIX MILES WIDE INTO TEUTON  
LINES TODAY**

### AIRSHIP LANDS AND FIGHTS

**Recent British Successes Bring Many  
Compliments to Marshal Haig, In-  
cluding One From Pershing**

London, Oct. 12.—British troops last night attacked the Germans in Flanders along a front of about six miles northeast of Ypres. General Haig reports "satisfactory progress." A heavy rain was falling and the advance of the British was impeded.

The troops have pushed forward to an average depth of 800 yards on a wide front. Many prisoners are being brought in.

Wednesday night the French repulsed a heavy counter-attack east of Draelbank.

Along the southern front in France the Germans again have met with defeat in attempts to capture French positions on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector. The attacks, however, were not made in strong force, being more in the nature of trench raiding operations.

An official statement on British aerial operations, issued today, says: "On Tuesday and Wednesday naval air patrols attacked enemy trenches by machine gun fire. One pilot, heavily shelled by anti-aircraft guns, descended and attacked the gun crews, scattering them and silencing the guns.

The recent operations in Flanders have brought many congratulatory messages to the British troops. Field Marshal Haig has issued an order of the day containing a number of dispatches received on October 5, and the replies sent to them. General J. J. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary force in France, telegraphed:

"Permit me to extend sincere congratulations to you and your magnificent army upon the recent important gains in front of Ypres. They give a striking answer to the weak-kneed peace propaganda."

## SEVEN PERCENT LIBERTY LOAN IS SUBSCRIBED

**ONLY STRENUOUS EFFORTS  
DURING REMAINDER OF THE  
MONTH CAN SUCCEED**

### McADOO SOUNDS WARNING NOTE

**Nation's Credit Must Be Preserved  
or Best Efforts of Armies Will  
Count for Naught**

Washington, Oct. 12.—Only by the most strenuous work during the next 13 working days can the Liberty loan reach the subscription goal hoped for. The treasury department announced this afternoon that about seven per cent of the amount had been subscribed.

The total is \$325,625,000. This figure includes every dollar reported to the reserve banks from every section of the United States. One reserve district, however, Minneapolis, reported no figures.

"The subscriptions indicate the necessity for the hardest kind of work on the part of the whole country for the balance of the campaign," reads the treasury department's announcement. "The campaign is more than one-third gone. Thirteen working days remain."

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Secretary McAdoo sounded a new note in his campaign for the Liberty loan here, when he warned the nation that should the present or any subsequent issue of bonds fail during the war, the credit of this government would be destroyed.

"If the credit of the nation is undermined," the secretary declared, "what is property worth to the rich man, what is life worth to the free man?"

### TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES THREATEN TO STRIKE

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—A general strike of approximately 5,000 union employees of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, for demands said to include an increase in wages of one dollar a day, is thought to be imminent here.

## SURVEY WORK ON BLUE LEDGE ROAD

**Preliminary Lines Being Run on  
Proposed Road From Grants Pass  
to Great Copper Mine**

A crew of surveyors numbering a dozen men, under Civil Engineer F. P. Kurtz, have been at work for several days past, and is now in the Murphy section working on a preliminary survey for a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine. The crew is following, so far as practical, the old Grants Pass & Rogue River railroad survey, extending up the Applegate river.

The Grants Pass office, located in the corner of the Josephine hotel block, is in charge of A. H. Wise, while the gentlemen in charge of the project are E. F. Hellier, Benj. L. Campbell, F. P. Kurtz, Wm. B. Miller and E. B. Cooper. These gentlemen say they "have nothing to say" except that they are running a preliminary survey, and if they find conditions satisfactory they will make an announcement at the proper time, which they intimate will be several weeks in the future.

## GERMAN PROPAGANDA AGAINST RED CROSS

Washington, Oct. 12.—Declaring that efforts to discourage Red Cross work over the country is being made as part of an anti-patriotic propaganda, General Manager Harvey Wilson today telegraphed all division managers to begin a nationwide campaign to trace the movement and combat it.

## BORDEN REMAINS AS CANADA'S PREMIER

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—A conference between representatives of the two major political parties has resulted in the establishment of the administration under the premiership of Sir Robert Borden. Strong opposition, however, has been manifested by some liberals. It is understood the personal following of ex-Premier Laurier will oppose the new regime.

## GOVERNMENT WANTS MANY MORE SHIPS

Washington, Oct. 12.—In making requisitions on shipping October 15, the shipping board is considering the taking over of all American vessels of over 1,500 tons, deadweight capacity, instead of making the limit, 2,500 tons as at first announced. The great need of trans-Atlantic tonnage makes the change probable if not necessary.

## NEW MOTOR TRUCK PROVES A SUCCESS

Washington, Oct. 12.—Details of the development of the government's new war motor truck, announced last night by the council of national defense, reveal an accomplishment that officials declare is second only to the production of the liberty aviation motor.

The truck is of a standardized construction and its parts will be made in probably 60 factories throughout the country. The nation's best automobile engineers worked together on its design and it is declared to be the best ever produced in any country.

The government's first order calls for 10,000 of the new trucks. Within a few months the country can turn out, it was said, 8,000 a month.

## MUTINY UPON TEUTON SHIPS BLOCKED RAID

**RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET PROBABLY  
SAVED BY SERIOUS RE-  
VOLT OF GERMANS**

### MICHAELIS BRANDED FAILURE

**German Newspapers Demand Chan-  
cellor Should Resign, Stating He  
Is Far Weaker Than Hollweg**

London, Oct. 12.—It is stated here on reliable authority that the recent inactivity of the German fleet in the Baltic, when there was excellent chances of attacking the Russian ships, was due to a mutinous outbreak among the German seamen. The outbreak is stated to have affected six important units of the German fleet.

The Vorwarts, which, in common with the other German newspapers, arrived here after 15 hours delay, contain a scathing attack on the imperial German chancellor, Dr. Michaelis.

Referring to the Michaelis-von Capelle hints of the existence of a conspiracy in the navy, with wide ramifications, and the certain deputies participated in the revolt, it says:

"Enemy countries will rejoice and will not believe that this is a ridiculous exaggeration, invented by an incapable statesman, unable to find other means to justify himself. It was not a revolutionary conspiracy, but a case of military revolts such as, in view of the protracted war, has doubtless occurred in other countries, and no shadow of proof has been adduced to show the deputies were concerned in it."

Declaring that unless the deputies were arraigned, the statements of Chancellor Michaelis and Admiral von Capelle would be branded as frivolous, it says:

"Dr. Michaelis and Admiral von Capelle have offered a feast to foreign countries of the prospective triumphs of Bolshevism in Germany. With clumsy fists they have pushed the independent socialists into the limelight. Michaelis must go."

"When Deputy Neumann mentioned von Bethmann-Hollweg's name the reichstag gave the ex-chancellor an ovation. We who have combatted von Bethmann-Hollweg, must say that, compared with the present chancellor, von Bethmann-Hollweg was a giant."

"When Dr. Michaelis ended his second speech his words sank into a grave silence. Even the conservatives seem to have interest in the chancellor. Germany cannot wage defensive war while her fate is directed by threadbare bureaucratic zeal and a narrow-minded police spirit. Let an end be made to the tragedy."

### ADMIRAL MAYO HAS BEEN VISITING ENGLAND

Washington, Oct. 12.—The navy department today authorized the statement that Admiral Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet, had returned with his staff from England, where he had been in conference with naval authorities of the allies.

## FRENCH THINK WILSON SHOULD GO TO EUROPE

Paris, Oct. 12.—The suggestion has been made in a French newspaper, which has met with great enthusiasm in all France, to the effect that President Wilson should visit Europe. The papers state that the allies need his counsel, and his influence would be powerful in establishing a unity of the allied nations regarding their democratic ideals.

